A Whole Family Approach to Economic Resilience in the Wake of Covid-19



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| Project Silmman | Data. Analysis. Implementation. Develop the "secret sauce" for economic resilience in the wake of Covid-19. |
| Country | United States |

Project Description

The Administration for Children & Families supports initiatives that empower families and improve access to services in order to create strong, healthy communities. For those furthest from opportunity, these federal programs are designed to encourage and support economic mobility, which, under "normal" circumstances and for a variety of reasons, is challenging enough to attain. Now, in the wake of Covid-19, we must also consider the impact of the pandemic. How do we address these additional challenges that stand in the way of a family's economic mobility - especially when we do not yet know their full impact? Traditionally, we have leveraged federal policy and an ecosystem of state and local supports for families. What levers will be the most effective in this post-Covid period? And, in what order do we pull them? How do we navigate the politics? It seems there are more questions than answers. Perhaps now is a good time to pause, recalibrate, and redefine the goal. In the wake of Covid-19, a more appropriate goal may be to support families to be economically resilient. That in order to be economically mobile, they must first weather the post-Covid storm. One or two highly qualified interns will lead this project with the ACF team in Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA and 272 federally recognized tribes), to engage partners from other federal agencies, state and tribal human services leadership, nongovernmental organizations, philanthropy, community, and other stakeholders, to develop the "secret sauce" to economic resilience for families in Region 10. The intern(s) are encouraged to implement a whole family framework to this project, giving families the best chance of economic mobility when all of their needs are concurrently addressed. Beyond that, the project scope and approach will be strengths-based, drawing upon the unique experiences, skillset, and knowledge of the intern(s). The intern(s) may utilize existing national, regional, and local data - especially research conducted by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), which advises DHHS on policy, legislation, strategy, research, and economic analysis - or may conduct new post-Covid qualitative or quantitative research. Also critical to the approach will be including the lived experience and recommendations of the families we seek to support and a commitment to equity. The deliverables of the project include: short & long-term policy recommendations in support of families' economic resilience and mobility; and a proven process for on-going engagement of the federal, state, and local-level stakeholders for future collaborative policy and practice development. Deliverables include key milestones in the project timeline; and they may be required to be presented orally or in writing, documenting the scope, approach and recommendations of the project. The intern(s) will have full access to the Regional Administrator and staff, along with other ACF regional leadership.

Required Skills or Interests

| Skill(s) |
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| Analytical writing |
| Cultural diplomacy |
| Data analysis |
| Data visualization |
| Design thinking |
| Economic analysis |
| Editing and proofreading |
| Political Analysis |
| Research |
| Survey / polling design |
| Writing |

Additional Information

The one or two highly qualified interns selected for this project must be available between September 2020 through May 2021, for a maximum of ten hours per week. They will have the benefit of mentoring and development by the ACF Regional Administrator and the ACF Policy Analyst and Strategist. This high-profile project will also be reviewed by the ACF Director of Regional Operations, with the potential to be presented to the ACF Assistant Secretary and other senior leadership.

For more information about HHS, ACF, or Region 10, please see the relevant websites.

Language Requirements

None